

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING AND PUBLIC COMMENT

PUBLIC MEETING: Staunton River High School in Moneta, Virginia, on March 14, 2006 from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. **Directions:** From Bedford, take Rt. 122 towards the lake and turn Right onto Rt. 24. Turn Right onto Golden Eagle Drive. From Roanoke area, take 24 E/Elm Ave. Continue to 24 E and turn Left onto Golden Eagle Drive.

PURPOSE OF NOTICE: The Virginia Department of Environmental Quality announces a public meeting and a study to restore water quality in the Beaverdam Creek watershed.

MEETING DESCRIPTION: Public meeting on a study to restore water quality in the Beaverdam Creek watershed

DESCRIPTION OF STUDY: Virginia agencies are working to identify sources of bacterial pollution in the Beaverdam Creek watershed. This contamination exceeds water quality standards, which decreases the suitability of the water for swimming, kayaking and other recreational activities involving direct contact with the water.

The following is a description of the "impaired" stream including its location, the length of the impaired segment and the reason for the impairment: Beaverdam Creek, Bedford Co., 5.58 miles, bacteria.

During the study, the state agencies will develop a total maximum daily load, or a TMDL, for the impaired waters. A TMDL is the total amount of a pollutant a water body can contain and still meet water quality standards. To restore water quality, contamination levels have to be reduced to the TMDL amount.

HOW TO COMMENT: DEQ accepts written comments by e-mail, fax or postal mail. Written comments should include the name, address and telephone number of the person commenting and be received by

April 14, 2006. DEQ also accepts written and oral comments at the public meeting announced in this notice.

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